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June 24, 2004

TO:

Lowell P. Braxton, Director

THRU:

Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director

THRU:

Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

FROM:

Doug Jensen, Senior Reclamation Engineer

SUBJECT:

Request for Approval of Form and Amount of Replacement

Reclamation Surety, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation, Copperton Concentrator Modernization/4th Line and UCD Modernization Mine, M/035/011, Salt Lake County, Utah

In performing the standard five-year review of the reclamation surety, and after site visits comparing the sites mentioned above with the map provided by the operator, the Division determined that escalation was all that was required to bring these mines into year 2008 dollars. Kennecott presently has two reclamation sureties totaling \$19,029,000 posted for these two projects. A new total of \$23,323,100 was required to bring the sites to current dollars.

Because these projects were previously bonded separately; the sureties were calculated and updated accordingly.

	Existing Surety (St. Paul Fire &	New LOC (Royal Bank of	
Project Name	Marine)	Scotland)	Total
Copperton	\$8,600,000	\$1,574,100	\$10,174,100
Concentrator / 4 th			
Line			
UCD	\$10,429,000	\$2,720,000	\$13,149,000
Modernization			
		Grand Total	\$23,323,100

The operator has provided two Reclamation Contracts to accompany each surety.



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If you are in agreement with the acceptance of the revised reclamation sureties and replacement Reclamation Contracts, please sign and date the documents. We will then provide Kennecott with copies of the updated documents and return the old Reclamation Contracts to Kennecott for their disposal. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Enclosure: two MR-RC & surety

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September 9, 1998

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TO:

Lowell Braxton, Acting Director

THRU:

Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining

FROM:

D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor

RE:

Request for Division Approval of Replacement Reclamation Surety Bonds, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation and Kennecott Barneys Canyon Mining Company, Bingham Canyon Mine - UCD Modernization Project (M/035/011), Barneys Canyon Mine (M/035/009), and Hidden Treasure Exploration Project (E/045/075), Salt Lake County

and Tooele County, Utah

On July 10, 1998, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation and Kennecott Barneys Canyon Mining Company (Kennecott) provided the Division with replacement surety bonds for their Bingham Canyon Mine - UCD Modernization Project, the Hidden Treasure Exploration Project, and the Barneys Canyon Gold Mine. Kennecott has changed surety companies from American Home Assurance Company to St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company. New reclamation contracts were required to accompany the new surety bonds and the completed contracts were received August 25, 1998.

Kennecott requested that the replacement bonds remain at the same dollar amount as currently held by the Division because we are only half way through the normal 5-year surety reevaluation time frame. The Division honored their request; therefore, the sureties were not adjusted to current dollars nor reescalated five years into the future. The three replacement surety bonds will be reevaluated in the year 2000.

The Division's council has performed a legal review of the replacement bonds and updated reclamation contracts and has found them to be acceptable. The Minerals Program requests that the Division Director also accept these new replacement sureties and reclamation contracts. Once signed and accepted, we will forward copies to Kennecott and also return the current bonds issued by American Home Assurance Company.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

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